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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Furner:

The Senate has completed action on the fiscal year 1979 intelligence authorization act. During consideration of its bill the Committee offered a floor amendment, which was favorably considered, to authorize reorganization and expansion of the Intelligence Community Staff. An integral part of this action was favorable consideration of the FY 1978 reprogramming request to transfer | positions and related funds to the Intelligence Community Staff from the Central Intelligence Agency.

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The Committee's amended fiscal year 1979 authorization provides a manpower ceiling of for the Intelligence Community Statt. This includes authorization for _additional people which were not requested in the President's budget amendment but are provided in order to cover those full-time employees who are detailed to the Staff on a non-reimbursable basis. The Committee believes that all personnel employed by the Staff on a full-time basis should be charged against and financed within amounts authorized for the Staff.

During its deliberations on this requested expansion of the Staff, the Committee had reservations about the magnitude of the growth in the intelligence management structure, but recognized that in establishing a new organization a certain amount of flexibility is necessary. the Committee believes that a gradual implementation of the proposed staff expansion would be prudent, in order to provide opportunities to reevaluate the structure and overall manpower needs at regular intervals, and make appropriate adjustments.

Sincerely,

Birch Bayh Chairman

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